

Regular Board of Education Meeting  
October 13, 2021  
Avon Campus

1. The regular meeting of the Abingdon-Avon CUSD 276 Board of Education was held on October 13, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with Hess presiding. The following members were present: Brooks, Thurman, Craver, Serven, Mason, and Hess. Mr. Quinn was absent.
2. Public Comment
3. Correspondence/Scheduled Visitors
4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – Loren Thurman, Bowling Coach, Resignation was added to the Personnel Report; Shannon Carreon, Paraprofessional at AAMS, was added to the Personnel Report as a New Hire; and 9.4.1.1 Hedding Pre-K Change Orders was added to the Superintendent's Discussion Items.
5. District Fund Balances were presented at the meeting for the Financial Report.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. Hess to approve the Agenda. Roll call: Mason, yea; Brooks, yea; Thurman, yea; Craver, yea; Serven, yea; and Hess, yea. Motion passed.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Serven and seconded by Mr. Mason to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call: Serven, yea; Mason, yea; Brooks, yea; Thurman, yea; Craver, yea; and Hess, yea. Motion passed.
8. Principals Weedman, Andrews and Anderson presented their monthly building-level Principal Reports.
9. Superintendent Curry presented the monthly Superintendent Report and discussed the following:
  - 9.1 Financial Update
    - 9.1.1 School Finance Refresher - *Dr. Curry noted that copies of the Basics of School Finance presentation from a past Board Meeting were available for the public in hard copy form at this meeting and can be found on the district website.*
  - 9.2 Recognitions and Congratulations – *Dr. Curry recognized the following accomplishments/celebrations: Mrs. Teresa Skinner's retirement. Mrs. McKinley-Miller's Lifetime Membership Award from the Association of Illinois School Library Educators. Mrs. Roberts' choir students selected for Honor Choir at Bradley University. Dean of Students, Mrs. Jessica Craver on her efforts over her first couple of months on the job.*
  - 9.3 Coronavirus Update - Active numbers as of 10/13/2021; Student Positives (3), Staff Positives (2), Student Close Contacts (28).
    - 9.3.1 COVID Testing – *Dr. Curry shared the facts regarding the slow implementation of the Shield Saliva PCR test and associated approval for Test-to-Stay. Shield is understaffed and instead of informing D276 several*

*weeks prior to today, they placed our application on a waitlist until more vendors could be brought on-board. Instead of waiting, Dr. Curry opted to change to self-collection. He noted it would be a heavy lift considering the time, amount of staff necessary, and overall logistics. He noted he assembled a team to get the in-house testing off the ground.*

- 9.3.2 Memorandum of Understanding COVID-19 Leave Days – *Member Quinn and President Hess informed the Board of the negotiated MOU that provides unlimited use of COVID days for employees who are exposed or COVID positive.*

#### 9.4 District Facilities Planning

- 9.4.1 Pre-K Addition – *Dr. Curry noted it appears that the progress is moving along on or ahead of schedule. Core drilling, electrical, plumbing, and painting are all supposed to make big progress on Monday since we are not in school.*

- 9.4.1.1 Hedding Pre-K Change Orders - *Dr. Curry noted the need for additional drainage work along the sidewalk on the North side of the K-1 wing.*

- 9.4.2 High School Secure Entrance – *Dr. Curry noted this project is really starting to take shape. The steel awning structure is taking the tornado shape as designed. The office is studded and progressing on time as well.*

- 9.4.2.1 Furnishings Quote

- 9.4.3 AES Parking Lot

- 9.4.4 AAMS Roof Update

- 9.4.5 Track Update – *Dr. Curry noted this is ready to go to bid. He met with the architect this morning and he is going to get with his team to discuss the best “time” to publish the bid documents.*

- 9.4.6 Modular at Hedding Grade School – *Dr. Curry noted this is an easy win for students and staff plus it can be part of the ESSER I grant. He provided information from the Modular representative that addresses Board member questions from last month: With this project the school district would own the canopy as it is a custom piece building with specific site dimensions. A few items will need to be completed in preparation. Primarily some extra concrete.*

- 9.4.6.1 Covered Walkway

- 9.4.7 Preliminary Avon Additions – *Dr. Curry reminded the Board that this project is still out there waiting for a greenlight.*

- 9.4.8 Preliminary Hedding Cafenadium - *Dr. Curry asked if this is still an avenue the Board is interested in exploring. In working to complete the ESSER III Grant – movement on this idea will assist in the drafting of the scope of the project and overall grant.*

- 9.4.9 Roof-top Unit Proposal – *Dr. Curry noted it was brought to his attention that we have a bad rooftop unit. After talking with AMP Electrical – He is recommending replacement vs. repair. The cost difference is such that new makes sense.*

- 9.5 Disposal of Excess Technology Surplus - *Dr. Curry noted the list of the items set for legal disposal.*

- 9.6 Solar Power Consent & Estoppel – *Dr. Curry noted these two documents put the final completion stamp on the project. The new solar array is operational and we will notice saving beginning in the next few months.*
- 9.7 Technology Department Vehicle - *Mr. Rogers was at the meeting to discuss his team's need for an upgraded Van. They are currently using a decommissioned student van that is outdated. It is also experiencing some issues. He did the legwork on the van that he is requesting be purchased for the IT department. Dr. Curry supported this request.*
- 9.8 ESSER Learning Recovery Spending – *Building administrators, as a starting point, outlined several requests for the use of the Learning Recovery Set Aside Funds in ESSER III: Multiple instructional coaches, additional full time substitute staff, new curriculum for multiple departments, after school tutoring, STEM teacher, ULLC Diagnostic at HGS and AAHS, and additional paraprofessionals.*
10. A motion was made by Mr. Serven and seconded by Mr. Mason to go into Executive Session at 8:11 p.m. Roll call: Craver, yea; Serven, yea; Mason, yea; Brooks, yea; Thurman, yea; and Hess, yea. Motion passed.
11. A motion was made by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. Serven to return to Open Session at 9:47 p.m. Roll call: Thurman, yea; Craver, yea; Serven, yea; Mason, yea; Brooks, yea; and Hess, yea. Motion passed.
12. A motion was made by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. Serven to approve the Amended October 2021 Personnel Report. Roll call: Thurman, yea; Craver, yea; Serven, yea; Mason, yea; Brooks, yea; and Hess, yea. Motion passed.
13. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Mason to approve the COVID-19 Leave Days Memorandums of Understanding with both AATA and AAEA as Presented. Roll call: Brooks, yea; Thurman, yea; Craver, yea; Serven, yea; Mason, yea; and Hess, yea. Motion passed.
14. A motion was made by Mr. Craver and seconded by Mr. Brooks to approve the Disposal of Excess Technology Surplus. Roll call: Mason, yea; Brooks, yea; Thurman, yea; Craver, yea; Serven, yea; and Hess, yea. Motion passed.
15. A motion was made by Mr. Serven and seconded by Mr. Mason to approve the Purchase of Mini Van for the Technology Department with a cost of up to \$24,000. Roll call: Serven, yea; Mason, yea; Brooks, nay; Thurman, nay; Craver, nay; and Hess, yea. Motion failed.
16. A motion was made by Mr. Thurman and seconded by Mr. Brooks to approve the Replacement of Roof-top HVAC Units as Presented. Roll call: Craver, yea; Serven, yea; Mason, yea; Brooks, yea; Thurman, yea; and Hess, yea. Motion passed.
17. A motion was made by Mr. Craver and seconded by Mr. Mason to approve the Furnishings Quote for New Office Complex as Presented. Roll call: Thurman, yea; Craver, yea; Serven, yea; Mason, yea; Brooks, yea; and Hess, yea. Motion passed.

18. A motion was made by Mr. Serven and seconded by Mr. Thurman to approve the Installation of Hedding Covered Walkway as Presented. Roll call: Thurman, yea; Craver, nay; Serven, yea; Mason, yea; Brooks, nay; and Hess, yea. Motion passed.
19. A motion was made by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. Serven to approve the Office and Medical Furnishings for the High School Nurse's Station as Presented. Roll call: Brooks, yea; Thurman, yea; Craver, yea; Serven, yea; Mason, yea; and Hess, yea. Motion passed.
20. A motion was made by Mr. Serven and seconded by Mr. Mason to approve the Conference and Guidance Office Furnishings as Presented. Roll call: Mason, yea; Brooks, yea; Thurman, yea; Craver, yea; Serven, yea; and Hess, yea. Motion passed.
21. A motion was made by Mr. Serven and seconded by Mr. Brooks to approve the Revising of the Teacher Testing Process. Roll call: Serven, yea; Mason, yea; Brooks, yea; Thurman, yea; Craver, yea; and Hess, nay. Motion passed.
22. A motion was made by Mr. Craver and seconded by Mr. Mason to Adjourn at 10:01 p.m. Roll call: Craver, yea; Serven, yea; Mason, yea; Brooks, yea; Thurman, yea; and Hess, yea. Motion passed.

  
Travis Hess, President

  
Frank Craver, Secretary